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1. THE PRESIDENT HAS DELEGATED TO THE HEW SECRETARY
AUTHORITY UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH ACT OF
1960 TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA WITH A U.S.-
MANUFACTURED 4 MEV LINEAR ACCELERATOR. PROVISION OF THIS
EQUIPMENT WOULD BE PART OF A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO FURTHER
THE MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TWO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER. IN REQUESTING THIS DELEGA-
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TION FROM THE PRESIDENT, THE HEW SECRETARY INDICATED THAT

HE WOULD EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY ONLY IF THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA WAS WILLING TO MEET CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE, COST, AND SCIENTIFIC CONSIDERATIONS. THESE CONSIDERATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GOR WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTING THE NECESSARY FACILITIES AND THE COSTS OF INSTALLING THE EQUIPMENT (SEE DETAILS IN SUBPARA. F.1.).

B. GOR WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENSES ONCE INSTALLED.

C. GOR MUST ASSURE THAT THE ACCELERATOR WOULD BE USED AT A LEVEL OF OPERATION AGREEABLE TO BOTH PARTIES.

D. GOR MUST AGREE TO USE OF HEW CLINICAL PROTOCOLS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING DATA IN ORDER THAT RESULTS OF USE BE COMPATIBLE WITH LARGE-SCALE STUDIES ALREADY UNDERWAY.

E. GOR MUST BE WILLING TO SEND AT LEAST ONE THERAPIST, ONE PHYSICIST, AND ONE ELECTRONICS ENGINEER TO U.S. FOR TRAINING, WITH U.S. TRAINING INSTITUTION HAVING RIGHT OF REFUSAL TO CANDIDATES. (FOR COSTS TRAINING SEE SUBPARA. F.2.).

F. GOR MUST BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE \$50,000 IN HARD CURRENCY TOWARD PURCHASE PRICE OF EQUIPMENT, AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

(1) ALL INSTALLATION COSTS IN LEI, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF NECESSARY FACILITIES. INSTALLATION COSTS MAY VARY FROM \$5-15,000 DEPENDING UPON THE ADEQUACY OF THE EXISTING FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE EASE OF INSTALLING THE ACCELERATOR. IF NO PROPER FACILITY IS AVAILABLE, I.E., AT LEAST 16 FEET SQUARE WITH 3 FEET THICK CONCRETE WALLS AND A CEILING OF 10 FEET, SUCH A FACILITY WOULD COST \$40,000.

(2) SUPPORT COSTS, INCLUDING TRAVEL, FOR AT LEAST ONE RADIATION THERAPIST, AN ELECTRONICS ENGINEER, AND A RADIATION-PHYSICIST NECESSARY FOR THE PERIOD OF U.S. TRAINING. COST COULD RUN FROM \$14-20,000 PER PERSON PER YEAR. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT TWO THERAPISTS, TWO PHYSICISTS, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE ENGINEER BE TRAINED. FYI HEW HAS ARRANGED FOR TRAINING ITSELF TO BE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO USG OR GOR END FYI.

(3) OPERATING COSTS, WHICH COULD AVERAGE \$15-20,000 PER YEAR INCLUDING REPLACEMENT PARTS, AND THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE HIGHER DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION.

2. USG (HEW) WOULD, AS ITS PART OF THE PROJECT:

A. PAY ALL BUT \$50,000 OF THE PURCHASE COST WHICH TOTALS

\$175,000, INCLUDING SPECIAL PACKAGING, INITIAL SET OF SPARE PARTS, AND WARRANTY TO COVER FOREIGN INSTALLATION.

B. PAY THE SHIPPING COST (\$5,000 APPROX.).

C. ARRANGE FOR TRAINING FOR THERAPISTS, ELECTRONICS ENGINEER, AND RADIATION PHYSICIST.

D. DEVELOP NECESSARY CLINICAL PROTOCOLS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING DATA.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY WOULD PURSUE THESE CONSIDERATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE GOR OFFICIALS AND OBTAIN ASSURANCES NECESSARY FOR HEW TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT. IF POSSIBLE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PROJECT MADE HERE DURING CEAUSESCU VISIT. EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION ON WORDING OF SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE WELCOMED AS WOULD EMBASSY SUGGESTION ON FORM AGREEMENT SHOULD TAKE. RUSH

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